

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
3 WESTERN DIVISION

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7 ERIC L. JEFFRIES,)
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10 Plaintiff,)
11 vs.)
12) CASE NO.
13 CENTRE LIFE INSURANCE CO.,)
14 et al.,)
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16 Defendants.)
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14 Deposition of: MICHAEL F. HARTINGS, Ph.D.
15 Pursuant to: Notice
16 Date and Time: Monday, October 27, 2003
17 9:55 a.m.
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21 Notary Public - State of Ohio

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1 A. May I finish?

2 Q. -- to ignore that Dr. Poser, from the Harvard
3 Medical School, has diagnosed Mr. Jeffries with chronic
4 fatigue syndrome?

5 A. Again, it is not appropriate for me to ignore
6 the fact that the doctor made the diagnosis. It may be
7 inappropriate for me to assume that the diagnosis
8 reflects a real medical condition.

9 Q. Okay. You don't assume that? You assume
10 that those diagnoses are incorrect?

11 A. I know -- I don't assume anything. I know
12 that the condition that Mr. Jeffries claims to have is
13 one of -- which produces disagreement among highly
14 credentialed medical experts.

15 Q. Are you talking about his medical
16 condition?

17 A. His medical condition produces disagreement
18 among highly qualified board certified medical
19 providers. And now, I am not in a position to evaluate
20 or determine which of those physicians is right or
21 wrong.

22 Q. Okay. And the fact that he has, in your
23 opinion, a personality disorder is also something that
24 psychologists don't agree on?

25 A. Well --